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Wheaton dies at 88

Local businessman Don Wheaton, best known for his entrepreneurship in the local automobile, aviation and banking industries, has died at age 88.

Originally from Saskatoon, Wheaton settled in Edmonton in 1961, at that time founding Don Wheaton Chevrolet on Whyte Avenue, where it remains today.

Also known for charity work, he had the YMCA's downtown location named for him in 2007.

Wheaton, who is survived by his wife, Marion, eight children, 34 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren, died in Naples, Fla., last week.

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Courts busy with homicides

Two men accused of killing their roommate faced second-degree murder charges Tuesday.

Paul Gill and William Tubrett are alleged to have slain a 35-year-old man, whose body was found early Dec. 31.

Meanwhile, Joshua James Houle faced a second-degree murder charge in the death of a woman whose body was found in a Jasper Avenue apartment Dec. 31. He's back in court Jan. 24.

The medical examiner is also waiting for toxicology results to determine if a 60-year-old woman who died in a house fire was the victim of homicide. ● METRO



▶ MP Peter Goldring

Edmonton East MP goes libertarian route

◆ Member who stepped down after refusing breathalyzer test now 'Civil Libertarian' ◆ Former Tory member's latest move risky: Political scientist



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Changing to the "Civil Libertarian" caucus-of-one is bad politics for a local MP already charged with refusing to give a breath sample, said a local political scientist Tuesday.

"It's a very risky move, what Peter Goldring is doing," said Dr. Chaldeans Mensah, chair of Grant MacEwan University's political science department. "He's going to be running against his own party."

The MP for Edmonton

Details

- ▶ Peter Goldring, who is due in court Jan. 25, will be considered an Independent MP in the House of Commons unless he reclaims Tory status before the next sitting Jan. 30.
- ▶ While Goldring will be the only Independent

East stepped down from the Tory caucus in the wake of reports he'd refused to provide a breath sample at a roving police Checkstop after an event Dec. 4.

member, Green party Leader Elizabeth May and four Bloc Québécois MPs do not have enough seats for party status.

- ▶ Goldring's website, which still contains Conservative material and links, has not been altered to reflect his new "Civil Libertarian" distinction or views.

Goldring, 66, changed his status on Dec. 5 to "Independent Caucus" and "Civil Libertarian."

Mensah was shocked that Goldring, now the only MP in the House of Com-

mons without a party's support, never acknowledged his behaviour with his constituents.

He also questions whether there is a "political pool to pull from" for this new affiliation.

"He's really going to make his life difficult with this approach."

A Conservative MP since 2004, Goldring blogged against a proposal by Mothers Against Drunk Driving in 2009 that would have allowed police to screen suspected impaired drivers, saying it would go "against civil liberties."

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Downward trend in tree recycling

► City wants your Christmas trees at the curb starting Jan. 10 ► Fewer trees are being recycled every year, according to city officials



As you take off the tinsel, bag the bulbs and lift those lights from the Christmas tree for another year, don't forget to drag the needle-dropping greenery to the front curb.

On Jan. 10, Edmonton begins its annual Christmas tree recycling program and will pick up unbagged trees within two weeks, though not necessarily on a regular waste collection day.

"This is a constant program we've offered citizens since 1990," says Garry Spotowski of the city's waste management services.

"But each year there are fewer trees being picked up. The trend in

volume is decreasing."

Whether more people have moved to using and reusing artificial Christmas trees for perceived economic savings or environmental reasons Spotowski can't say, but the trucks dedicated to collecting trees through January are less busy. Nevertheless, the same points need emphasizing to residents every year: remove all ornaments, tinsel, garland, nails, screws and tree stands, and cut extra-large trees into two-metre (six foot) lengths.

"And put the naked tree just as you bought it into the snowbank, or lack of snowbank, on its side," adds Spotowski.

"We don't want drivers to mistake the tree for a real one growing on the boulevard."

Tree collection

► **Composting.** About 12,000 trees weighing 151 tonnes were collected for chipping and composting in 2011.

► **Recycling.** Apartment and condo residents can take natural Christmas trees to community recycling depots until Jan. 20, or to an eco station until Jan. 31.

► **Waste bins.** Residents are asked not to place Christmas trees in or beside apartment recycling or waste bins.

► **Online.** For info on eco stations and recycling depots around the city, call 311 or go to Edmonton.ca/waste.



► Christmas tree pickup begins throughout Edmonton Jan. 10. Residents are asked to place unbagged natural trees on their sides at the curb.

Byzantine Winter Festival set for this weekend

While the 5th annual Deep Freeze: Byzantine Winter Festival won't experience temperatures befitting its name this year, that's fine by organizers, who plan to warm the spirits regardless of what the mercury reads.

The family event is a smorgasbord of events, from medieval theatre and a street hockey tournament, to a beach dance on Saturday night.

"We're sort of crazy down here on the av-

enue," laughs festival artistic producer Christy Morin, pointing to the 30-person hot tub that is also part of the '50s-themed dance.

"The lack of cold couldn't be more fantastic, but it will present some challenges."

Morin says a two-block ice carving challenge is a concern — same goes for the new deep freezer race.

Still, Morin calls this festival and ongoing revitalization of Alberta



► Father and daughter Jay and Georgia Kuchinsky of the Borscht Brothers, will perform Ukrainian music as part of the Deep Freeze Festival this weekend along 118 Avenue.

(118th) Avenue a magical piece of what's happening in Edmonton, and the city's revitalization coordinator Judy Allan, agrees.

"There's a lot of heart here," says Allan, pointing to widened sidewalks, new building facades and lighting along historic Alberta Avenue, as well as an arts community that has really stepped up to the plate through the Arts on the Avenue movement.

The two-day festival is free, with donations wel-

Visitors

► **Festival.** Organizers expect 15,000 to 20,000 visitors at the 12-venue festival along 118 Avenue between 92 and 94 Streets.

► **Local artists.** The artisan market and gallery features over 50 pieces for sale by local artists.

come for the Food Bank. ● LUCY HAINES

Christmas charity still needs help

Despite a slow start, the Christmas Bureau came within 10 per cent of its goal of \$1.8 million this

year.

In the end, the charity provided a festive feast for 65,000 Edmontonians, including 20,000 children.

Donations can still be made until Jan. 13 at christmasbureau.ca. You can also call 780-454-6074 to donate.

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Second deputy chief leaves EPS

Edmonton Police Service is another deputy down.

Deputy Chief Darryl da

Costa finished a 34-year stint with EPS last week, according to CBC.

Da Costa follows Neil Dubord, who left the force in November to helm the Vancouver Transit Police.

There is no word where Da Costa, who served as acting police chief for 11 months in 2005 prior to

Chief Mike Boyd, is headed.

EPS is said to be looking for two new deputy chiefs to serve under the current Chief Rod Knecht, who took control of the police force in June.

Deputy Chief da Costa worked in various EPS areas in his three decades, including patrol division,

surveillance, tactical, drug unit and traffic.

After becoming superintendent, he oversaw the special investigations division that included investigating major crimes, tech crimes, crime scenes, court services, organized crime and economic crimes.

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► Police attend the scene at the Queen's Sandringham estate in Norfolk, England, on Tuesday following the discovery of human remains in the area.

Body discovered at Queen's estate

► Buckingham Palace officials are staying mum about the murder case ► Police keeping details confidential

A murder mystery with elements of an Agatha Christie whodunit is unfolding at the vast country estate where Queen Elizabeth and her family gathered in rural splendor to celebrate Christmas and New Year's.

British police said that a young woman's body was found in the forest at Sandringham and that they are treating it as a murder case.

An autopsy was conducted Tuesday, but the precise cause of death was not disclosed, and investigators have yet to establish the woman's identity.

The royal family is not implicated in the crime in any way.

The body was discovered by a dog walker on New Year's Day five kilometres from the Queen's elegant country home. Norfolk police said tests showed the body had been there one to four months.

Police said a forensic pathologist found that it was highly unlikely the death was of natural causes and that there was no evidence of accidental injury. Investigators hoped to use DNA to identify the woman.

The Queen and her husband, Prince Philip, celebrated the holidays at Sandringham with their children and grandchildren. The royal couple

were still at Sandringham on Tuesday, along with their youngest son, Prince Edward, and his wife, Sophie.

Part of the sprawling estate is open to the public, and the body was found at Anmer, a hamlet of several dozen people northeast of London.

"We are at the very early stages of the investigation and it could be a complex inquiry," Detective Chief Inspector Jes Fry said Tuesday.

Fry said authorities were examining missing-person reports and unsolved cases around the country to see if there were any possible links. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Indonesians hurl shoe at injustice

Indonesians have found a new symbol for their growing frustration at uneven justice in their young, democratic nation: cheap, worn-out flip-flops.

They have been dropping them off at police stations to express outrage over the arrest and trial of a 15-year-old boy for lifting an old pair of white sandals from outside a boarding house used by police in northern Indonesia.

The boy snatched the shoes while he and several



► An Indonesian activist lines up pairs of sandals in Jakarta on Tuesday.

friends headed home from school in Palu, the capital of Central Sulawesi province, in November 2010.

He was later interrogated and badly beaten by three

officers, and faces up to five years in prison if found guilty — the same sentence given to many terrorists, drug pushers and rapists.

He will appear today before the court in Palu for the second hearing of his trial, which opened last month.

Indonesia has made tremendous strides since the ouster of longtime dictator Suharto over a decade ago, but the judicial system remains a weak point.

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North Koreans stage rally in support of new leader

Pumping their fists and chanting, tens of thousands of North Koreans packed the snowy main square of the capital Tuesday to pledge their loyalty to new leader Kim Jong-un as the campaign to consolidate his power deepened.

State television also aired footage of Kim's recent visit to an elite tank unit with family and historical ties that showed him interacting with soldiers with ease and carrying out inspections much like father Kim Jong-il and grandfather Kim Il Sung did before him — footage that aimed to show off his youth and put his authority on display.

The rally and the footage were the latest steps in a carefully choreographed campaign to build support for North Korea's new leader that began the day news broke of Kim Jong-il's death last month.



► Thousands rally in Pyongyang on Tuesday.

Cult of personality

- In the documentary of his military visit Sunday, Kim Jong-un was dressed in a long, dark overcoat similar to the coat his grandfather used to wear.
- The footage also served to show the confidence of Kim, who mingled easily with soldiers and appeared to be giving them pointers.

Kim Jong-il died Dec. 17 of a heart attack, leaving the nation of 24 million in the hands of his youngest son, who was a mystery even to the North Korean people until his emergence in September 2010 as his father's favoured successor. Since Kim Jong-un, who is in his late 20s, was made a four-star general and a vice chairman of the Cen-

tral Military Commission of the Workers' Party, the campaign to groom him has been fast.

North Korea has sought to highlight Kim Jong-un's heritage as heir to North Korea's founding fathers, underlining his physical resemblance to the late President Kim Il Sung and characterizing him as an "identical" extension of his father. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Businessman launches fund against French genocide bill

A wealthy French businessman has launched a €1-million fund to pay the fine of anyone convicted in France for denying that the killing of Armenians by Turks almost a century ago was a genocide.

Rachid Nekkaz, who previously offered to pay the fines of Muslim women penalized for wearing a full-face veil, claims that the real target of the French bill is Islam, since Turkey is a Muslim country.

The French parliament has not yet made it a crime to deny the 1915 killings by Ottoman Turks amount to genocide.

The bill passed in the lower house on Dec. 22, prompting an angry Turkey to recall its ambassador and suspend contacts and military co-operation.

The bill, which allows for a jail term and a fine of up to €45,000, still needs Senate approval to become law. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Financial assurance lower with age: Poll

A new CIBC poll shows 64 per cent of Canadians feel positive about their current financial situation, a finding the bank describes as strong, but still five per cent lower than a year ago.

The poll, conducted for the bank in mid-November by Harris/Decima, also found that an even higher number of Canadians — 72 per cent — were confident they would reach their future financial goals, unchanged from last year.

Across age groups, confidence in achieving financial goals was generally strong, although there was a declining trend with age.

For example, among Canadians aged 18 to 34, 78 per cent said they were confident of reaching their financial goals. Among Canadians closer to retirement — those 55 to 64 — only 68 per cent felt their goals were achievable.

Responses varied by province, with those feel-

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ing good about meeting future goals running from a high of 85 per cent in Alberta to a low of 60 per cent in Quebec. Those happy with their financial situation ran from a high of 72 per cent, also in Alberta, to a low of 54 per cent in British Columbia.

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FAO head aiming to end hunger

- Graziano aims to implement Brazil's Zero Hunger program elsewhere
- Program helped lift 19 million Brazilians out of poverty over 8 years

The new head of the UN food agency said Tuesday he expects food prices to stay volatile in 2012 — and more people to go hungry.

Jose Graziano da Silva, Brazil's former food security minister, took over as director-general of the Rome-based Food and Agriculture Organization on Jan. 1. He told reporters Tuesday his top priority was to make good on the agency's mandate: Eradicate world hunger.

Graziano acknowledged that the anticipated recession in Europe could affect his effort, with countries possibly reneging on their annual FAO dues.

"There will be many more people getting hungry, unemployed and we will need to find new ways to assist those governments," he said.

FAO, which is the UN's



► In this picture taken last July, people eat at a popular restaurant sponsored by the Brazilian government in Sao Paulo.

biggest specialized agency, with a \$1-billion budget, has been battling the effects of wild swings in food prices that have particularly affected poor countries. The agency put the number of hungry people in 2010 at

925 million, the overwhelming majority living in developing countries.

Graziano is one of the architects of Brazil's much-lauded Zero Hunger program. He has said one of his main priorities was to

decentralize FAO's work to the regional and subregional levels. "You solve food security problems at your village, at your town, at your neighbourhood (level) — not at the global level," he said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Gap between rich and the 'rest of us' growing: Report

The richest of the rich have gained more ground in Canada, and are now making 189 times the average Canadian wage, according to a new report.

The 100 highest paid chief executives whose companies are listed on the S&P/TSX composite index made an average of \$8.38 million in 2010, according to figures pulled from circulars by the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, a left-leaning think-tank.

That's a 27 per cent raise from the \$6.6 million average compensation for the Top 100 CEOs in 2009, the report says.

"The process of paying CEOs is really quite incestuous."

HUGH MACKENZIE, ECONOMIST

Meanwhile, regular Canadians, who made an average of \$44,366 working full time in 2010, have seen their wages stagnate over the past few years. In 2010, after adjusting for inflation, average wages actually fell.

"The gap between Canada's CEO elite 100 and the rest of us is growing at a fast and steady pace, with no signs of letting up," says economist Hugh Mackenzie, author of the report.

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The driving forces behind the inequality gap lie in the structure of executive compensation packages, he says. Consultants giving advice to corporate boards on how much to pay their CEOs compare only to other CEOs, while many companies use stock options for their executives' bonuses, he says.

Regulating compensation packages won't really work, Mackenzie adds. Taxation is better, he says, allowing corporate boards to compensate as they please, while governments claw back on and redistribute excesses. THE CANADIAN PRESS

RIM may get new chair

Research In Motion shares soared Tuesday amid reports of a possible boardroom shakeup that investors hoped could lead to a turnaround or sale of the beleaguered

BlackBerry maker.

News reports say Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie are considering relinquishing their titles as co-chairmen. The two are also co-CEOs.

The company has not commented on an anonymously sourced report in the National Post that

said Barbara Stymiest, an independent member of the RIM board since 2007, is the leading candidate to take over the position.

A review of how the board is governed was launched months ago under pressure to improve its dismal stock performance. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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hanging on the wall and replaces it with one of those funhouse mirrors that make you look fatter than you really are. I'm not making this up. And, to be clear, it has nothing to do with Christmas cake.

I don't know who these people are or why this is their idea of a good time. All I know is that I have to go on a diet every year so I don't have to go naked. Which, if the funhouse mirror is any indication, would not be pretty.

There was a time "going on a diet" was simple and involved cottage cheese. Then that wasn't good enough and you had to have non-fat cottage cheese. Now,

according to the latest nutritional science, cottage cheese is a no-no, as dairy products are linked to cancer, heart disease, irritable bowel syndrome and Dutch elm disease.

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improved Pyramid, revised just last year, is as much a result of intense lobbying by the National Dairy Council and other food pressure groups as it is a product of nutrition science.

These guys play for keeps. Who can forget that the beef industry sued Oprah when she announced she was giving up red meat because it's bad for you (not to mention what it does to the cow)? And when they're not trying to herd Oprah, they're trying to get ketchup and fries declared daily servings of fruits and vegetables.

So if you can't trust the Food Pyramid, who can you trust? These days, if you believe nutritional gurus such as Michael Pollan ("Eat Food. Not too much. Mostly plants.") it's not enough to watch the cupcakes for a few weeks, you have to be born again, with vegetables.

The poster boy for the lifelong-mostly-plants-no-cheating-no-fun diet is none other than good old Bill Clinton who never met a Krispy Kreme or an intern he didn't like. Until he had heart-bypass surgery.

Have you seen him lately? America's First Vegan has come out the other side of the funhouse mirror and looks more like Lance Armstrong than the Pillsbury Doughboy.

If Bill Clinton can change his evil ways, anyone can.

So hallelujah and pass the garbanzos. These are gonna be my salad days, whether I like it or not.

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It happens every year about this time.

When I'm asleep, someone sneaks into the bedroom and switches all my clothes for a size smaller, then removes the perfectly good mirror

hanging on the wall and replaces it with one of those funhouse mirrors that make you look fatter than you really are.

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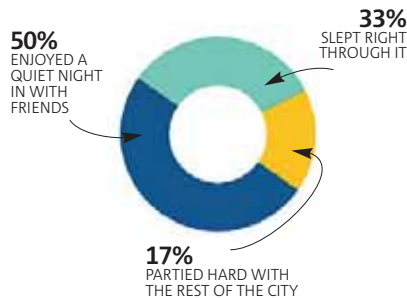
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On New Year's Eve, you ...



Local tweets



- Love it! #yeg #lol
- @contacthi:** #bobsburgers has grown on me like a rash.
- @jhaggett:** What's going on with the weather in #yeg? Well above 0 all week. Is it possible we may skip winter this year? (fingers crossed)
- @TheRealRussT:** It's Jan. 3rd. Time for U to give up on that New Years resolution. Why waste time on something you were going to quit at anyway? #yeg
- @bevrlee:** Feels like spring in #yeg.
- @MattGutsch:** Spotted on a truck in downtown #yeg: a Darkwing Duck log. #letsgetdangerous.
- @Jaisabella:** While the Anthony Henday is a great ring road, it does not solve all the living issues in #yeg
- @Fisherstweet:** At the gym this morning, looking around wondering... "Who are all these people?" #lastsaboutamonth #yeg
- @SeanSimonRE:** NFL playoffs start this weekend. Any picks as to the winner? I say Green Bay repeats! #yeg #nflplayoffs
- @robmcannally:** About to enter the carwash. Love watching the cloth slosh across teh windshield like some alien intruder. January in #yeg

Daily Zoom

Buried alive



This cat really does have 9 lives

Janita Coombs plays with her cat, Andrea, at her Syracuse, Utah, home in the above photo.

The Utah city may put an end to its gas chamber after Andrea survived a shelter's two attempts to euthanize her. Animal-shelter volunteers were expected to appear at a West Valley City Council meeting Tuesday evening

to make the case for using lethal injections instead. Andrea had not been adopted for 30 days when shelter officials tried to put her to death in October.

She survived, so they gassed her again.

Shelter officials presumed she was dead when they put her in a plastic bag in a cooler.

She was later found alive.

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"It was just one of those things where they thought this cat obviously really wants to live.... Let's give it a chance to find a permanent home."

WEST VALLEY CITY SPOKESMAN
AARON CRIM TOLD THE SALT LAKE TRIBUNE

A will to live

Shelter officials still aren't sure why the gassing failed to kill Andrea. The other cats with her in the euthanasia chamber that day all died.

Volunteers say euthanasia by lethal injections of sodium pentobarbital would be more humane than the gas chamber, and also cheaper.

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Idol



American Idol finalist James Durbin has married longtime girlfriend Heidi Lowe in a New Year's Eve ceremony at the edge of a California redwood forest. The Contra Costa Times newspaper reports the guests included their two-year-old son, Hunter, who was the ring bearer.

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Tim McGraw album "Emotional Traffic," at centre of recent court battle, to be released Jan. 24



► Bonnie Morgan plays Rosa in *The Devil Inside*.

Bringing hellfire back

► *The Devil Inside* is a return to classic possession movies ► Joins long line of spook shows

IN FOCUS

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Demonic possession has been terrifying moviegoers for decades.

The Exorcist, the most famous fiendish film, created such a stir with audiences that in 1973 Newsweek ran a cover story entitled *The Exorcism Frenzy*. Complete with stories of queasy theatre-goers and their Exorcist barf bags, it

helped create hysteria and make the movie one of the biggest hits of the year.

The impact *The Exorcist* had on audiences has yet to be duplicated by any of the dozens of possession movies released in its wake, but this weekend's *The Devil Inside* is hoping to bring a little good old-fashioned hellfire back to theatres.

The devil, of course, is the star of any possession movie, even if you don't actually see him. What's more petrifying than the idea of Old Scratch taking over your body and making your head spin 360 degrees?

But what about the brave priests who battle Beelzebub? Here's a few cinematic celebrants who have gone mano-a-mano with Mephistopheles.

Father Lankester Merrin, as portrayed by Max von Sydow in *The Exorcist*, presided over the most famous Satan skirmish.

The statuesque Swedish actor played Merrin twice — he's seen in flashbacks in *Exorcist II: The Heretic* — while Stellan Skarsgård played him in two prequels.

The loopyest of devil hunters must be Father Pierre Barre (Michael Gothard) from the Ken

Russell film *The Devils*. He is a corrupt and despicable holy man who convinces a group of terrified nuns to fake a mass possession with the words, "You will scream! You will blaspheme!" His other questionable methods include "forcible colonic irrigation" with holy water and torture.

Barre isn't the only real life exorcist to be portrayed on film, however. Both *The Rite*, starring Anthony Hopkins as a real life exorcist tutor and *The Exorcism of Emily Rose* with Tom Wilkinson as a priest accused of murder when a young woman died

during an exorcism, are based on true stories.

More fanciful is Leslie Nielsen as Father Mayii in *Repossessed*, an *Exorcist* parody co-starring Linda Blair, who played the possessee in the original film. When told she "has an ungodly voice and maniacal facial expressions" the skeptical Mayii replies, "That doesn't prove a thing! She could be related to Joe Cocker."

And finally, *Beetlejuice* has a different kind of exorcist. Michael Keaton plays a supernatural character called in as a "bio-exorcist" to rid a house of its human inhabitants.

Preserving significant films from era

Bambi, *Forrest Gump* and Hannibal Lecter have at least one thing in common: Their cinematic adventures were chosen by the Library of Congress to be preserved in the world's largest archive of film, TV and sound recordings.

The *Silence of the Lambs* (1991), a disturbing psychological thriller about the cannibalistic serial killer Lecter, and *Forrest Gump* (1994), starring

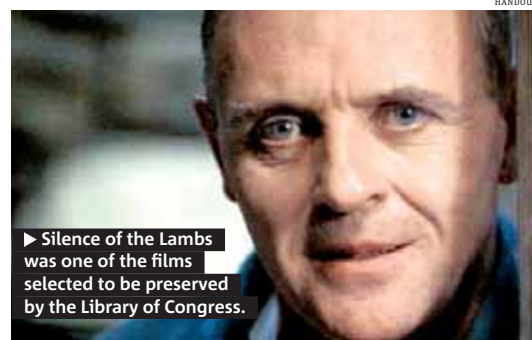
Tom Hanks as the simple-minded hero who thinks "life is like a box of chocolates," were critical and commercial successes that won the Academy Award for Best Picture. The animated Disney classic *Bambi* is among the most beloved movies ever made.

A majority of the titles chosen this year for inclusion in the National Film Registry are lesser-known — including silent films,

documentaries, avant-garde cinema and even home movies. The Library of Congress announced the selections Tuesday.

The registry began in 1989 under the terms of the National Film Preservation Act and includes 575 films. Its aim is not to identify the best movies ever made but to preserve films with artistic, cultural or historical significance.

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► *Silence of the Lambs* was one of the films selected to be preserved by the Library of Congress.

Hefner states the obvious for 2012

► Our boy Hugh takes an oath to avoid the institution of marriage this year
► 85-year-old Playboy founder says he 'missed a bullet' with Crystal Harris

THE WORD

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After a tumultuous 2011 that saw his engagement to Crystal Harris (who I like



► Crystal Harris



► Hugh Hefner

to think of as a very low-rent Kardashian in her media manipulation) fizzle, Hugh Hefner, 85, is vowing to avoid marriage for 2012.

"This year has been a very interesting year for me. I almost got married," Hefner tells People magazine.

"And as Holly [Madison] — a dear friend and former girlfriend — said,

'Well, you missed a bullet.' I think that's accurate. I am clearly not meant to be married. Married life isn't for me."

You'd think the man who is known as an international playboy and has called a mansion filled with frolicking naked women home for most of his life would have figured that out, oh, about 65 years ago.

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Celebrity tweets



The fortune in my fortune cookie said "Character is the cornerstone of success." I think my cookie is stale.



@EllenBarkin

@JonahHill

I'm pretty sure "Extremely Loud And Incredibly Close" is about my Mom.



@SethMacFarlane

By now I bet Demi Moore is getting sick of Patrick Swayze's ghost always trying to contact her.



@rupertmurdoch



NY cold and empty, even central park. Nice!

A little R-E-S-P-E-C-T

Add Aretha Franklin to the growing list of celebrities who used the Christmas and New Year's holidays to get engaged. The Queen of Soul is officially planning to marry Willie Wilkerson, her reps confirm to the Associated Press. "No, I'm not pregnant," 69-year-old Franklin joked. The couple



► Aretha Franklin

plans to marry this summer in Miami Beach, with Wilkerson hosting a reception aboard a private yacht. **METRO**



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Travel in brief



With all the fantastic food on board a first-class cruise ship, it may not be the ideal place to count calories. Only 10 per cent of cruisers worry they will gain weight on their vacation, says the Cruise Lines International Association. In a recent study, more than half of experienced cruisers ranked fine dining as the No. 1 benefit of a cruise vacation, says the association.

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Free ferry service from Galveston may be Lone Star State's best tourist bargain.

A taste of real Mexico

► Beyond the beaches and resorts of Mazatlan lies a world of natural beauty and quaint towns

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Mazatlan, Mexico, is famous for its long-winding Golden Zone,

packed with tourists, resorts, and fantastic beaches, but beyond all the glitter lies a world of adventure rarely seen.

Soon after reaching the outskirts of town I was surprised how different and desolate greater Mazatlan really is when you leave the comfort of the all-inclusive resort.

In the middle of the back country we traded our air conditioned SUV, for roaring bush ATVs, and that's when the fun started. Here is a Mexico rarely seen. Our guide warned us that the trails would be bumpy with a lot of large rocks and potholes.

There are potholes and then there are craters, which I soon found myself roaring through, as we made our way all through the dense jungle-like growth.

I felt privileged to catch a glimpse of the real Mexico, with beautiful scenery, peaceful rivers, and even the odd lazy lizard sunning itself.

As we roared on our trusty quads, we suddenly emerged from the bush to find a great little Mexican village seemingly in the middle of nowhere.

The locals in this town,



► Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Mazatlan is an 1875 church that was restored just a few years ago.

which we learned was called La Noria, couldn't have been more friendly, despite the fact we were invading their space like a group of Hells Angels bikers.

Young and old smiled, waved and even cheered as we roared down the main street.

It was almost like being in a time warp watching

villagers fetching water from a well and tanning leather to make belts. This, in the end, turned out to be well worth the sore back and dusty throat.

Our reward for making it through it all was a whirlwind stop at the Blue Agave distillery.

This, amigos, is where they make the fun juice.

This historic Tequila factory draws mucho tourists who observe the ancient process of making real tequila from the locally grown blue agave plant.

It is strong stuff. And I do mean strong!

Luckily I had a designated driver to take me back to the comfort of the Golden Zone and my cool

Other cool things to do in Mazatlan

► **Check out the downtown history:** Visit the stunning Cathedral Basilica built in 1875. It was restored a few years ago and the interior is nothing short of spectacular. There is a lot of great architecture in this old part of town.

► **Mazatlan Aquarium:** One of the coolest Sea Lion shows you'll ever see, along with tons of exotic creatures including crocodiles, exotic birds and much more. acuariomazatlan.com

► **Estrella Del Mar Golf Course:** Rated one of the best golf courses in Mexico, this course was designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. and combines great play with breathtaking scenery. estrelladelmar.com

little all inclusive hotel, the El Cid.

I've been pretty much all over Mexico, and can honestly say that Mazatlan ranks among my very favourite spots in this country.

Despite that the area has been given a bit of a bad rap recently with reports of increased gang crime, I felt perfectly safe walking the streets on my way to my favourite watering hole in all of Mexico, Joe's Oyster Bar!

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Cooking with coffee

► Warm up on a cold winter's day with homemade café au lait steamers ► You don't need an expensive espresso machine for this recipe

"Black as the devil, hot as hell, pure as an angel, sweet as love." That's how 19th-century French philosopher-politician Talleyrand described coffee. He would have appreciated these coffee-based treats.

Preparation:

1 In a saucepan or large glass measuring cup, combine coffee and sugar. Gradually whisk in milk until blended. Heat in saucepan over medium heat or in microwave on medium (50 per cent) power until steaming, about 3 to 5 minutes.

2 To froth milk: Using a battery-powered latte whip or a whisk attach-

Ingredients :

- 250 mL (1 cup) strong brewed coffee
- 15 mL (1 tbsp) sugar
- 500 mL (2 cups) milk
- Ground cinnamon, for garnish

ment on an immersion blender, whip hot milk mixture until frothy. Or transfer to an upright blender or milk frother and blend or pump until frothy.

3 Pour into 2 warmed latte bowls or large mugs and sprinkle or drizzle with cinnamon.

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► This recipe makes 2 servings.

Café au
lait
Steamer

► Coffee lovers are sure to enjoy this decadent lemon-and-coffee cake ► Use coffee in the cake batter and the icing to enhance its flavour ► Enjoy a slice with your favourite brew, a café au lait or a classic Irish coffee



Lemon-
and-
Coffee
Cake

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Preparation:

- 1** Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).
- 2** In a large bowl, cream butter with sugar. Beat in eggs, one at a time, and sour cream with an electric mixer. Stir in milk and set aside.
- 3** In a separate bowl, mix flour with baking powder. Blend into butter mixture gradually, beating until smooth. Add lemon juice and rind. Mix well.
- 4** Pour mixture into a 23-cm (9-inch) buttered round cake pan. Bake for 1 hour.
- 5** Let stand for 10 minutes and remove from pan.
- 6** Spread with Lemon Coffee Icing. Sprinkle cake with chocolate vermicelli to decorate.
- 7** To make Lemon Coffee Icing: Squeeze lemon juice into a small bowl and strain to remove pits. In a food processor, cream lemon juice, cof-

Ingredients:

- 500 mL (2 cups) sugar
- 125 mL (½ cup) softened butter
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 75 mL (⅓ cup) sour cream
- 250 mL (1 cup) milk
- 750 mL (3 cups) all-purpose flour
- 10 mL (2 tsp) baking powder

- Juice and rind of 1 lemon
- Chocolate vermicelli

For Lemon Coffee Icing:

- Juice of 1 lemon
- 30 mL (2 tbsp) strong coffee
- 50 mL (¼ cup) softened butter
- 500 mL (2 cups) icing sugar

fee, butter and half the sugar. Whip in remaining sugar until mixture is thick and creamy. Spread cake with icing.

Chill 2 hours before serving.

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Help! I'm lost on the road to success

► With a new year just beginning, now is the perfect time to establish a revived sense of direction ► Here's how



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This week I received a random Facebook message from a former student of mine.

Degree completed, résumé drafted, his character is infused with endless potential. He's bright and charismatic, driven and ambitious. Bottom line: The guy's a total rockstar.

Yet, in his current post-graduation haze, he's at a complete loss of how to get to where he wants to go in his professional life.

Although my student's destination is unique, his newfound professional reality is ubiquitous among recent grads: He's lost and needs a new map.

Oprah Winfrey stated that "luck is preparation meet-

ing opportunity."

The irony I've encountered with my current and former students is that it's always the most capable and positive students who come to crossroads in the early stages of their careers.

For these bright young people, I suggest using two viewpoints to navigate their life paths.

1

**Life compass:
Envision your direction**

This is the big picture perspective on your life as a whole. It entails all of who you want to be. It's the professional, personal, social, health/fitness, economic, and spiritual intentions:

- What do you want to un-

fold in your life?

- What is a well-rounded, successful life for you?
- What are the opportunities you dream of?

A life compass points you in the direction that you aspire to go in your professional and personal life.

By considering these priorities and seeing them on paper, you will establish a stronger sense of purpose in your current and future endeavours.

2

**Career GPS:
Clarifying the routes**

Once the direction of the greater life path is clearer, it's important to clarify the ways to reach the professional destinations of pref-



erence. Oprah calls it preparation; I consider it the 'doing' that grows your dreams. When executed with efficiency, attentiveness, and insight, this is the type of navigation that helps you build your life path.

Consider what your ultimate dream job is. Is it an entrepreneur? Investment banker? Psychotherapist? Nuclear energy engineer? What are the hard and soft skills required to attain ex-

cellence in this profession? Use this ideal goal as the destination to work backward from in the current moment.

Most importantly, be willing to do the work to get yourself prepared. Assume that en route to your final destination, there are 'stops' along the way. It may take five to 10 years for you to be prepared for the arrival of this opportunity.

Continue asking yourself

questions like these to explore possible routes for your career:

- What can you do now that builds the foundation for your future direction?
- What skills and experiences can you attain to be ready for the opportunity when it shows up?
- What certifications and education are required to be competitive for this dream position?

Write down these new ways of being and doing and post them where you can see them daily. Strive to see your destination with a heightened awareness.

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► Oilers goalie Nikolai Khabibulin reacts to a goal by Buffalo's Jason Pominville on Tuesday night.

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Oilers fall short in Buffalo as Sabres get two late goals

Drew Stafford and Nathan Gerbe scored 2:04 apart late in the third period to spark the slumping Buffalo Sabres to a 4-3 win over the road-weary Edmonton Oilers on Tuesday night. Corey Potter brought the Oilers to within 4-3 with 1:50 left, but Edmonton didn't get off another shot. Sam Gagner had a goal and assist, and Taylor Hall also scored for Edmonton, 1-4 during its seven-game trip. The Oilers fell back into their losing ways one night after a 4-3 win at Chicago that snapped a seven-game road skid. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Don't call it a comeback

► After falling behind 6-1 in semifinal, Canada pulls within a goal, but Russia hangs on

Canada will not play for gold at the world junior hockey championship for the first time in more than a decade.

The host country lost 6-5 to Russia in Tuesday's semifinal, despite a four-goal burst in the third period.

Russia will meet Sweden for gold, while Canada faces Finland for bronze Thursday.

The defending-champion Russians scored five times in the third period to beat Canada 5-3 in last year's final in Buffalo, N.Y. Russia now has a chance at winning its first back-to-back titles since 2002 and 2003.

Russian captain Evgeni Kuznetsov, the lone returning player from last year's

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squad, was a one-man wrecking crew with three goals and an assist.

Defencemen Nikita Nesterov and Alexander Khokhlachev and forward Nikita Kucherov also scored for the Russians. Nail Yakupov, who plays for the Ontario Hockey League's Sarnia Sting, had three assists.

Brett Connolly replied for Canada early in the second period. Trailing 6-1 in



► Canadian players react after losing to Russia.

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the third, Dougie Hamilton, Jaden Schwartz, Brendan Gallagher and Brandon Gormley all scored for Canada in just under a five-minute span starting at 9:27.

Canada outshot Russia 56-24, but didn't bury enough chances early in the game.

Andrei Vasilevski stopped 44 of 49 shots, but was replaced by Andrei

Makarov after Gormley's goal at 4:17. Makarov stopped all seven shots he faced.

Canada pressed for the equalizer, but couldn't get it. Ryan Strome hit the post and Connolly had a chance at his rebound with less than a minute remaining.

Canada's starting goaltender Scott Wedgewood allowed four goals on 14 shots. He left the game at 8:48 of the second period when Khokhlachev crashed into the net on Kuznetsov's third goal. Mark Visentin replaced him, stopping eight of 10 shots.

Canada played in the final every year from 2002 to 2011 with a 5-5 record.

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"I'm working hard to pick up the language as much as I can and as quickly as I can."

INTERIM CANADIENS COACH RANDY CUNNEYWORTH, WHO SAID TUESDAY HE IS WORKING ON LEARNING FRENCH AND HOPES THAT SIGNIFICANT STRIDES WILL BE MADE BY THE TIME THE DECISION IS MADE ON WHO WILL BE BEHIND THE BENCH NEXT SEASON. OWNER GEOFF MOLSON AND GENERAL MANAGER PIERRE GAUTHIER HAVE PROMISED THEY WILL HAVE A COACH WHO CAN SPEAK FRENCH IN PLACE FOR THE 2012-13 CAMPAIGN.



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	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-NY Rangers	37	24	9	1	3	110	79	52	11-3-0-2	13-6-1-1	7-3-0-0	W2
d-Boston	35	24	10	0	1	123	68	49	13-6-0-1	11-4-0-0	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Florida	39	20	12	3	4	103	107	47	10-4-1-4	10-8-2-0	4-4-1-1	W1
Philadelphia	37	22	11	2	2	125	109	48	8-6-1-1	14-5-1-1	5-4-0-1	L1
Pittsburgh	38	21	13	2	2	121	100	46	11-5-2-0	10-8-0-2	5-5-0-0	L2
Ottawa	40	20	15	3	2	123	135	45	12-8-0-1	8-7-3-1	7-3-0-0	W3
New Jersey	38	21	15	1	1	105	108	44	10-6-0-1	11-9-1-0	7-2-1-0	L1
Washington	38	21	15	0	2	114	110	44	14-5-0-1	7-10-0-1	6-3-0-1	W4
Winnipeg	38	19	14	3	2	104	107	43	14-6-0-1	5-8-3-1	6-3-0-1	W3
Toronto	39	19	15	3	2	125	128	43	9-5-2-2	10-10-1-0	4-4-2-0	W1
Buffalo	39	18	17	2	2	104	115	40	10-9-2-2	8-8-0-0	3-5-1-1	W1
Tampa Bay	38	17	18	1	2	107	129	37	11-5-0-0	6-13-1-2	4-5-1-0	L1
Montreal	39	14	18	2	5	99	110	35	5-7-2-4	9-11-0-1	3-7-0-0	L2
NY Islanders	37	14	17	4	2	88	116	34	8-9-3-0	6-8-1-2	5-5-0-0	W3
Carolina	41	13	21	4	3	106	139	33	9-10-0-3	4-11-4-0	4-3-2-1	L2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
d-Chicago	39	24	11	1	3	128	111	52	11-4-0-1	10-7-1-0	7-3-0-0	L1
d-Vancouver	40	24	13	0	3	131	99	51	11-5-0-2	13-8-0-1	6-3-0-1	L2
d-Los Angeles	40	19	14	3	4	87	92	45	11-9-0-2	8-5-3-2	6-1-1-2	L1
Detroit	39	25	13	1	0	128	88	51	15-2-1-0	10-11-0-0	6-4-0-0	W2
St. Louis	39	22	12	0	5	99	86	49	15-3-0-2	7-9-0-3	5-3-0-2	W1
Minnesota	40	21	13	2	4	95	95	48	11-6-1-2	10-7-1-2	1-6-0-3	L1
Nashville	39	21	14	3	1	105	108	46	11-6-0-1	10-8-1-0	7-3-0-0	W3
Colorado	41	22	18	1	0	110	116	45	13-10-0-0	9-8-1-0	8-2-0-0	W3
San Jose	35	20	11	3	1	102	85	44	12-7-2-0	8-4-1-1	5-2-2-1	W1
Dallas	38	21	16	0	1	104	112	43	12-7-0-1	9-9-0-0	5-5-0-0	L1
Phoenix	40	19	17	2	2	103	107	42	7-8-2-1	12-9-0-1	4-5-1-0	L1
Calgary	41	18	18	3	2	100	114	41	10-5-1-1	8-13-2-1	4-4-1-1	L4
Edmonton	39	16	20	0	3	107	111	35	10-6-0-2	6-14-0-1	2-8-0-0	L1
Anaheim	37	10	21	2	4	87	124	26	7-11-1-0	3-10-1-4	2-7-0-1	L2
Columbus	38	10	23	1	4	93	128	25	6-11-1-2	4-12-0-2	2-7-0-1	L1

d — division leaders ranked 1-2-3 regardless of points; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL (overtime loss) or SL (shootout loss) column.

Last night's results

Toronto 7 Tampa Bay 3
Washington 3 Calgary 1
Buffalo 4 Edmonton 3
Detroit 5 Dallas 4
N.Y. Islanders 4 Carolina 3 (SO)
St. Louis 4 Phoenix 1
Monday's results
Edmonton 4 Chicago 3
Ottawa 3 New Jersey 2 (OT)
San Jose 3 Vancouver 2 (SO)
Colorado 2 Los Angeles 1 (SO)
NHL WINTER CLASSIC
At Philadelphia
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Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Winnipeg at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Boston at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Minnesota at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Calgary at Boston, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Florida at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Friday's games
Florida at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Anaheim, 10 p.m.

MAPLE LEAFS 7, LIGHTNING 3

First Period
1. Tampa Bay, Lecavalier 14 (Wyman, Moore) 0:58
2. Toronto, Lupul 18 (Connolly, Gardner) 3:25
3. Toronto, Gunnarsson 2 (Connolly, Lupul) 8:46
Penalties — Bergeron TB (holding) 1:15;
Downie TB (double roughing), Phaneuf Tor (roughing) 11:58, Franson Tor (boarding)
14:40, Schenn Tor (roughing) 17:20, Connolly Tor (elbowing) 18:35.
Second Period
4. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 27 (St. Louis) 11:55
5. Toronto, Grabovskl 11 (Lupul, Schenn) 12:28
6. Tampa Bay, Kubina 3 (Brewer) 13:26
7. Toronto, Boyce 1 (Frattin, Aulie) 13:43
8. Toronto, Frattin 5 (Kadri, Lombardi) 19:22
Penalties — Toronto bench (too many men;

served by Frattin) 6:34, Downie TB (unsportsmanlike conduct, double roughing, misconduct), Aulie Tor (roughing), Boyce Tor (roughing, misconduct) 13:59.
Third Period
9. Toronto, Phaneuf 6 (Grabovski, MacArthur) 1:23 (pp)
10. Toronto Kessel 22 (Lupul, Phaneuf) 12:28 (pp)
Penalties — Purcell TB (interference) 0:56, Gustavsson Tor (tripping) 6:35, Kubina TB (holding) 11:32, Hall TB (roughing) 12:04, Thompson TB, Schenn Tor (fighting) 16:32.
Shots
Tampa Bay 11 7 6 24
Toronto 13 16 13 42
Goal (shots-saves) — Tampa Bay: Garon (W,11-10-2)(21-17), Roloson (13:43 second; 21-18); Toronto: Gustavsson (W,10-7-0).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Tampa Bay: 0-5; Toronto: 3-7.
Referees — Dan O'Halloran, Chris Lee. **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Mark Shewchuk.
Attendance — 19,425 (18,819) at Toronto.

SABRES 4, OILERS 3

First Period
1. Edmonton, Hall 12 (Hemsky, Gagner) 10:33
2. Buffalo, Pominville 13 (Hecht, McNabb) 14:23
Penalty — Weber Buf (tripping) 5:26.
Second Period
3. Buffalo, Leopold 7 (Stafford, McNabb) 5:10
4. Edmonton, Gagner 5 (Petry, Hemsky) 9:24 (pp)
Penalties — Hemsky Edm (goaltender interference) 5:34, Kaleta Buf (charging) 8:04, Buffalo bench (too many men; served by Gerbe) 9:10.
Third Period
5. Buffalo, Stafford 7 (Gerbe, D.Roy) 14:34
6. Buffalo, Gerbe 4 (Stafford) 16:38
7. Edmonton, Potter 3 (Eberle, Lander) 18:10
Penalty — Peckham Edm (holding) 10:54.

Shots
Edmonton 14 5 7 26
Buffalo 8 12 13 33
Goal — Edmonton: Khabibulin (L,11-11-3); Buffalo: Miller (W,10-10-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 1-3; Buffalo: 0-2.
Referees — Don Van Massenhoven, Kevin Pollock. **Linesmen** — David Brisebois, Anthony Sericolo. **Attendance** — 18,690 (18,690) at Buffalo, N.Y.

CAPITALS 3, FLAMES 1

First Period
1. Washington, Ovechkin 17 (Johansson, Backstrom) 1:11 (pp)
Penalty — R.Bourque Cal (holding) 0:36.
Second Period
2. Washington, Brouwer 11 (Ovechkin, Backstrom) 8:49 (pp)
3. Calgary, Glenross 16 (Iginla, Brodie) 13:51
4. Washington, Wideman 7 (Backstrom, Johansson) 17:01
Penalties — Green Wash (holding) 2:36, Butler Cal (holding) 8:29.
Third Period
No Scoring.
Penalties — R.Bourque Cal (elbowing) 10:06, Knuble Wash (slashing) 12:20, Green Wash (interference) 15:39, Knuble Wash (delay of game) 19:10.
Shots
Calgary 4 8 7 19
Washington 8 9 4 21
Goal — Calgary: Kiprusoff (L,17-14-2); Washington: Volkoun (W,16-8-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Calgary: 0-4; Washington: 2-3.
Referees — Kelly Sutherland, Ian Walsh. **Linesmen** — Scott Cherrey, Pierre Racicot. **Attendance** — 18,506 (18,398) at Washington.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	18	28	46
H.Sedin, Vcr	10	36	46
Kessel, Tor	22	23	45
Stamkos, TB	27	17	44
Lupul, Tor	18	26	44
D.Sedin, Vcr	17	27	44
Malkin, Pgh	15	28	43
Eberle, Edm	16	26	42
Backstrom, Wash	13	29	42
Hossa, Chi	17	24	41
Spezza, Ott	14	26	40
Pominville, Buf	13	27	40
Datsyuk, Det	12	28	40
Toews, Chi	22	17	39
Vanek, Buf	18	21	39
Sharp, Chi	19	19	38
Versteeg, Fla	17	21	38

HOCKEY

2012 WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

All Times Eastern
CHAMPIONSHIP BRACKET
At Calgary
Yesterday's results
SEMIFINALS
Sweden 3 Finland 2 (SO)
Russia 6 Canada 5
Monday's results
QUARTER-FINALS
Finland 8 Slovakia 5
Russia 2 Czech Republic 1 (OT)
Tonight's game
FIFTH PLACE
Czech Republic vs. Slovakia, 9 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
BRONZE MEDAL
Finland vs. Canada, 3:30 p.m.
GOLD MEDAL
Sweden vs. Russia, 8 p.m.

RELEGATION BRACKET

Yesterday's result
U.S. 12 Latvia 2
Monday's result
Switzerland 4 Denmark 3 (OT)
Today's games
Latvia vs. Denmark, 1 p.m.
Switzerland vs. U.S., 5 p.m.

2012 WORLD U-17 CHALLENGE

At sites in Southwestern Ontario
PLAYOFFS
Yesterday's results
At Windsor, Ont.
SEMIFINALS
U.S. 2 Sweden 1 (SO)
Russia 4 Ontario 3 (OT)
At Tecumseh, Ont.
SEVENTH PLACE
Atlantic 4 Czech Republic 2
At LaSalle, Ont.
NINTH PLACE
Germany 6 West 3
FIFTH PLACE
Pacific 5 Quebec 4 (OT)
Today's games
At Windsor, Ont.
THIRD PLACE
Sweden vs. Ontario, 2 p.m.
CHAMPIONSHIP
Russia vs. U.S., 7 p.m.

2012 WORLD WOMEN'S U-18 CHAMPIONSHIP

At Prerov and Zlin, Czech Republic
Yesterday's results
At Prerov, Czech Republic
Canada 7 Finland 0
Germany 6 Switzerland 1
At Zlin, Czech Republic
Sweden 6 Russia 2
U.S. 13 Czech Republic 1
Today's games
At Zlin, Czech Republic
QUARTER-FINALS
Sweden vs. Finland, 9 a.m.
Czech Republic vs. Germany, 1 p.m.

FOOTBALL

NCAA BOWL GLANCE

All Times Eastern
Last night's result
SUGAR BOWL
At New Orleans
Michigan 23 Virginia Tech 20 (OT)
Monday's results
TICKETCITY BOWL
At Dallas
Houston 30 Penn State 14
CAPITAL ONE BOWL
At Orlando, Fla.
South Carolina 30 Nebraska 13
OUTBACK BOWL
At Tampa, Fla.
Michigan State 33 Georgia 30 (3OT)
GATOR BOWL
At Jacksonville, Fla.
Florida 24 Ohio State 17
ROSE BOWL
At Pasadena, Calif.
Oregon 45 Wisconsin 38
FIESTA BOWL
At Glendale, Ariz.
Oklahoma State 41 Stanford 38 (OT)
Tonight's game
ORANGE BOWL
At Miami
West Virginia (9-3) vs. Clemson (10-3), 8 p.m.
Friday's game
COTTON BOWL
At Arlington, Texas
Kansas State (10-2) vs. Arkansas (10-2), 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
BBVA COMPASS BOWL
At Birmingham, Ala.
Pittsburgh (6-6) vs. Southern Methodist (7-5), Noon
Sunday, Jan. 8
GODADDY.COM BOWL
At Mobile, Ala.
Arkansas State (10-2) vs. Northern Illinois (10-3), 9 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 9
BCS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
At New Orleans
Louisiana State (13-0) vs. Alabama (11-1), 8:30 p.m.
Saturday, Jan. 21
EAST-WEST SHRINE CLASSIC
At St. Petersburg, Fla.
East vs. West, TBA
Saturday, Jan. 28
SENIOR BOWL
At Mobile, Ala.
North vs. South, 4 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 4
TEXAS VS. NATION
At San Antonio, Texas
Texas vs. Nation, 2 p.m.

NFL

PLAYOFFS

All Times Eastern
WILD-CARD
Saturday's games
Cincinnati at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Detroit at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Sunday, Jan. 8
Atlanta at New York Giants, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Denver, 4:30 p.m.

NBA

Last night's results
Cleveland 115 Charlotte 101
Chicago 76 Atlanta 74
Portland 103 Oklahoma City 93
Memphis 113 Sacramento 96
Utah 85 Milwaukee 73
Houston at L.A. Lakers
Monday's results
Phoenix 102 Golden State 91
Boston 100 Washington 92
Indiana 108 New Jersey 94
Detroit 89 Orlando 78
Atlanta 100 Miami 92
Toronto 90 New York 85
Minnesota 106 San Antonio 96
Dallas 100 Oklahoma City 87
Denver 91 Milwaukee 86
Utah 94 New Orleans 90
Tonight's games
All Times Eastern
Cleveland at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Chicago at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Charlotte at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Golden State at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
Houston at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Miami at Atlanta, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

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Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Manchester City	20	15	3	2	56	16	48
Manchester Utd	19	14	3	2	49	17	45
Tottenham	19	13	3	3	36	20	42
Chelsea	20	11	4	5	39	25	37
Arsenal	20	11	3	6	36	28	36
Liverpool	20	9	7	4	24	18	34
Newcastle	19	8	6	5	26	25	30
Stoke	20	8	5	7	22	31	29
Norwich	20	6	7	7	30	35	25
Sunderland	20	6	6	8	27	23	24
Everton	18	7	8	3	19	20	23
Swansea	20	5	8	7	20	23	23
Aston Villa	20	5	8	7	22	26	23
Fulham	20	5	8	7	22	26	23
West Brom	20	6	4	10	19	28	22
Wolverhampton	20	4	5	11	22	36	17
QPR	20	4	5	11	19	35	17
Wigan	20	3	6	11	18	41	15
Blackburn	20	3	5	12	29	43	14
Bolton	19	4	1	14	23	42	13

Yesterday's results
Manchester City 3 Liverpool 0
Tottenham 1 West Bromwich Albion 0
Wigan 1 Sunderland 4

SPAIN

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FIFTH ROUND — FIRST LEG
(Home teams listed first)
Yesterday's results
Albacete 0 Athletic Bilbao 0
Alcorcon 2 Levante 1
Mirandes 2 Racing 0
Real Madrid 3 Malaga 2

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4Motion

The R comes with VW's 4Motion all-wheel-drive system. During ideal road/weather conditions, all of the R's power is directed to the front tires, however when they begin to slip, up to 100 per cent of the torque shifts to the rear wheels.

Obviously the R is a true driver's car and that means a firm-riding, body-roll-reducing suspension, added braking power and a businesslike interior with well-bolstered front seats (covered in leather), aluminum pedals and a leather-wrapped steering wheel.

Transmission

The R's sole transmission is a six-speed manual, which is somewhat surprising given that the German automaker already builds a faster-shifting state-of-the-art paddle-operated manual gearbox for use in other Golf models.

Still, VW claims that the stick-shift R will hit 100 km/h in less than six seconds, which is quick enough for most folks. Be advised, however, that the R takes premium fuel.

Engine

The engine is a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder generating 256 horsepower and 243 pound-feet of torque. By comparison, the GTI, now relegated to being the second sportiest Golf on the lot, also comes with a 2.0-litre turbo-four, but it's rated at 200 horsepower and 207 pound-feet of torque.

Credit for the R's extra spunk goes to the turbocharger system that delivers considerably more boost than the GTI's.



Volkswagen's pumped up kicks



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When it comes to constructing the "hot-hatch" Golf R, Volkswagen certainly knows a thing "R" two.

The automaker is able to call up the requisite firepower and related performance content from its parts

bins to build the kind of machine that will attract new fans to the brand that might otherwise end up at a Mitsubishi, Subaru or BMW/Mini store.

Volkswagen has been down the high-output road with the Golf before, specifically for the 2008 model year with the short-lived

(and not for Canada) R32, with its 250-horsepower V-6 and all-wheel-drive. Now the automaker returns in early 2012 with yet another pumped-up Golf-based model designed to thrill and delight the North American masses, or at least those who appreciate a tightly-proportioned vehicle that

can haul like the dickens in every sense of the word.

For Canadian consumption, there's a total allocation of 500 R models and all are four-door hatchbacks.

Other cars might make more content available, from blind-spot warning systems to intuitive/active cruise control, but the Golf

R is having none of it. It concentrates on enriching the driving experience through generous helpings of power without ballooning the price through indiscriminate applications of luxury fluff and superfluous safety gadgetry.

On that basis alone, the R is tough to beat.

By comparison

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You want fuel efficiency, but you don't want your style cramped. Yes, there's a fine line between the two and there are several new 2012 cars that walk it with style, but not as many as you might think despite all the new offerings in an ever-expanding segment.

But most of the new-for-2012 cars featured here break the 5.0 l/100 km barrier on the highway, without any fancy hybrid technology such as electric motors; they're just normal cars.

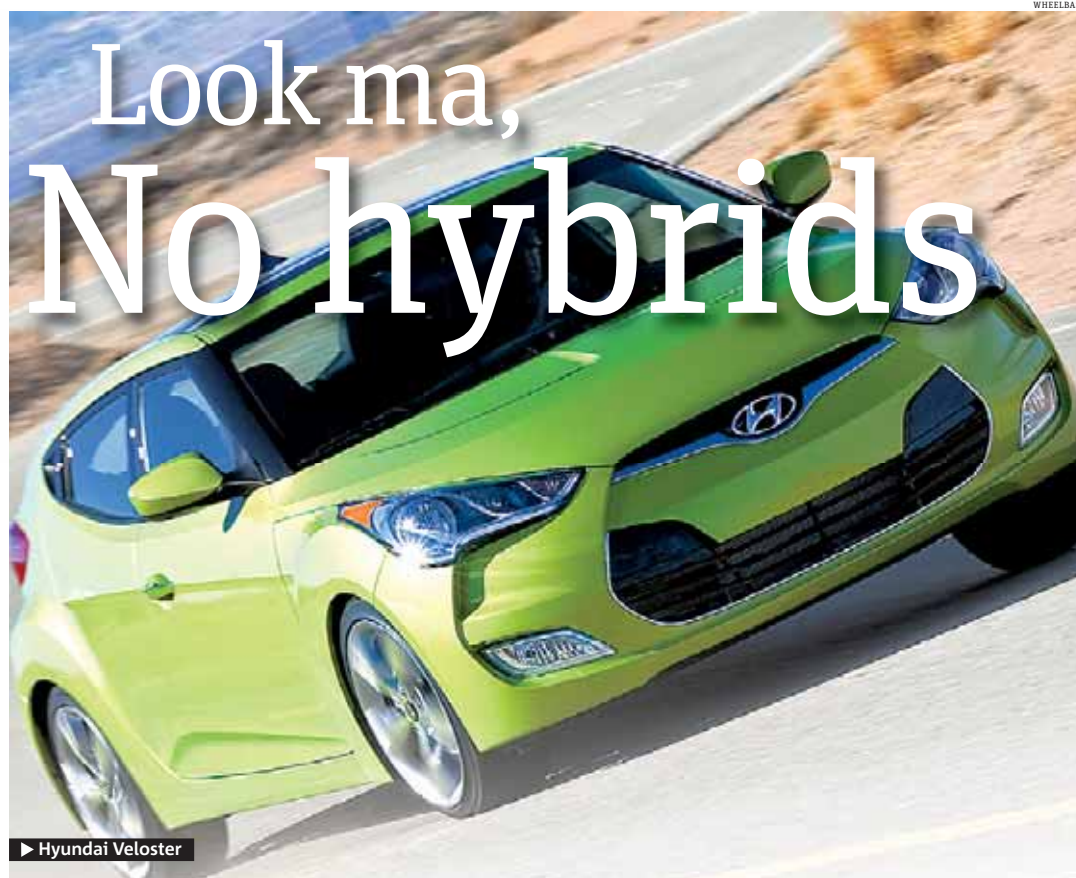
Still, the club is small, but distinguished, with the top contenders sporting other unique qualities.

Chevrolet Sonic

The Sonic replaces the Korea-built Aveo that has been around since the 2004 model year. Like the Aveo, the Sonic is offered in both sedan and mini-wagon formats.

Since these cars are constructed at GM's Orion, Mich., plant and not in Korea, however, there's plenty of North American style built into the Sonic.

Both Sonic body styles are larger than their outgoing Aveo counterparts by nearly 10 centimetres in overall length. Under the hood is a 138-horsepower 1.8-litre four-cylinder, or optional 138-horsepower 1.4-litre four-cylinder turbocharged unit that pulls down the best fuel economy (5.1 l/100 km on the highway). A five-speed manual transmission or optional six-speed automatic comes with the 1.8, while the turbo is exclusively matched to a six-speed manual. Although the base price is only about \$14,500 plus destination charges,



► Hyundai Veloster

Look ma, No hybrids

the most fuel-efficient model will set you back more than \$20,000 with delivery charges to the dealership.

Ford Focus

Parked alongside its Fiesta relation, the Focus looks positively aggressive with its wide-open-mouth air intake and more planted stance.

But for those who just can't get with the sleek-looking hatchback, the sedan offers a more conservative silhouette.

The standard 2.0-litre

four-cylinder engine is rated at 160 horsepower.

A five-speed manual transmission is standard while optional is a six-speed dual-clutch automated manual gearbox that conserves fuel by delivering lightning-quick gear changes.

It's only available in the top-end Titanium model (priced at about \$24,500 plus destination charges), which can, according to Ford, break the 5.0 l/100 km mark (4.8) for highway driving.

Hyundai Accent

The 2012 Accent is available in four-door sedan and hatchback formats and appears to be yet another game-changing model for Hyundai. Both the wagon and the hatchback share the same platform that extends the distance between the front and rear wheels by about 7.5 centimetres over the previous model, which is important real estate for maxing out both leg and knee room.

The Accent's 1.6-litre engine produces 138 horse-

power, up from 110. The base four-door L with the six-speed manual gearbox or six-speed automatic includes just the basics plus a full suite of safety gear.

Going with the automatic transmission gets you the best highway fuel-economy rating of 4.8 l/100 km (4.9 for the manual).

The best part is that to break the 5.0 l/100 km mark costs just \$13,200 plus destination charges.

Mazda3 Skyactiv

The look is a bit different,

but the real news is the 2.0-litre four-cylinder that uses Mazda's new "Skyactiv" direct-gasoline-injection technology to boost both power and efficiency.

Compared to the old 2.0-litre (which carries over in base models) the Skyactiv has 155 horsepower (versus 148) and 148 pound-feet of torque (versus 135).

It also wins in fuel economy too, netting 7.1/5.0 l/100 km (city/highway) with the available six-speed automatic transmission, or 7.6/5.1 with manual. Very impressive.

But Skyactiv is really more than just a powertrain upgrade as the philosophy extends to lowering weight, improving chassis stiffness and steering response.

Only the Skyactiv Mazda3 is upgraded in such a manner.

Hyundai Veloster

The key design element of this beautiful machine is the well-camouflaged passenger-side rear opening, that gives the Veloster the look of a two-door car and the functionality of a four-door.

The interior provides seating for four passengers plus easy-to-read gauges and control-panel knobs for the driver. The Veloster comes with a new 138-horsepower 1.6-litre engine that's also used in the sub-compact Accent.

A six-speed manual transmission is standard, while optional is a six-speed automated dual-clutch transmission (DCT). Putting the Veloster at the \$20,500 mark including \$1,500 in destination charges doesn't mean you have to go without. You get a 17-centimetre touchscreen, six-speaker audio system and 17-inch alloy wheels as standard.



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CARS AS COACHES? I SAY YEA, AND NAY

AUTO PILOT



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On-board coaching devices first started showing up on the dashboards of hybrid and electric vehicles as a way to help drivers understand and leverage the new electrified powertrains.

These devices have now migrated over to “conventional” vehicles. Over in this camp, they have a slightly different role — foster better fuel economy by encouraging and developing “greener” driving habits.

Is this a good thing? Who can say no? But a part of me wants to say, take a hike.

Let's first look at why they're more or less a good thing...

Some are just green icons that light up on the dash. In Toyota's case, it's a green “Eco” that gives you a symbolic thumbs up on the dash, whenever you're driving in an ecological manner. It's easy and dead simple to use — even though I'm sure the software math behind it isn't dead simple.

It's also very effective. When Toyota first researched and tested the system, it found that drivers



► The 2012 Focus Electric features Ford's next-generation SmartGauge. Note the Brake Coach on the left and the butterflies on the right, which represent a surplus range. Below is an overhead shot of the car.

using Eco Drive typically increase the vehicle's fuel efficiency by about four per cent.

It's also worth noting that you get fuel efficiency gains even if you don't “get green” all the time. As long as you're trying, you're bound to get some fuel economy benefit.

Of course, hybrid vehicles have more elaborate “coaching” displays. On its first-generation hybrids, Ford debuted SmartGauge with EcoGuide fuel economy coaching. It was revolutionary in its use of colour and graphic displays, and was ultimately successful in “training” owners on how to drive hybrids in the most efficient manner.

Recently I had a chance to see Ford's next-generation SmartGauge, as fitted to the new Ford Focus Electric. The cluster display features blue butterflies to represent the surplus range beyond a desired destination. The more butterflies



there are, the more surplus you have to get to your final destination and/or charging station.

Ford also developed a way of coaching drivers to better take advantage of the energy that can go back into the battery during deceleration and braking. If this is done as good as possible, Ford claims that the system can capture 95 per

cent of the available energy

At the end of each trip, the screen provides distance driven, kilometres gained through regenerative braking, energy consumed, and a comparative gasoline savings achieved by driving electric. Even more information can be had by connecting the vehicle to your smartphone, such as how much electrici-

ty your air conditioning is consuming.

All good stuff right? But here's the thing. I always thought if there was a coach-player relationship going on with my vehicle and myself, that I would be the coach. “What are you doing! This is a passing opportunity here!”

Also, I like my coaches on the loopy side. Bruce Boudreau yelling a blue streak. Bobby Knight throwing a chair. Leo Durocher wanting to win at all costs.

Consider this quote from Leo: “If I were playing third base and my mother were rounding third with the run that was going to beat us, I'd trip her. Oh, I'd pick her up and brush her off and say, ‘Sorry Mom.’ But nobody beats me.”

You going to get that kind of personality from an LED display and some software? Well, they're probably working on it.

Coaches on coaching



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Look for a plethora of high-end features and world-class comfort and design.

2006 to 2010 Infiniti M



Engine

Power came from a 3.5-litre V-6 or a 4.5-litre V-8 — hence the “35” or “45” in the vehicle's name. Output from the V-6 was rated between 275 and 297 horsepower, while the V-8 generated between 325 and 335, depending on the year. Automatic transmissions were standard, and AWD was available.



What owners like

Owners typically rave about an exceptional interior, high comfort levels, performance, and a great-sounding engine. A high relative value factor and a long list of high-tech toys round out the positives.



What owners dislike

Owner complaints typically centre around fuel mileage, a “fussy” Bluetooth interface, road noise and a stiff ride on some models.



Common issues

Double check for proper operation of all electronic toys — including the navigation system, Bluetooth interface, stereo system and intelligent key. If a xenon headlamp is burnt out, negotiate to have it replaced before purchase, as they aren't cheap.

Some owners have reported a “sloppy” or “imprecise” steering sensation that requires replacement of the steering rack.

Verdict

No major or systematic issues related to the M's drivetrain were apparent — and most known issues should be easy to diagnose and repair.

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Recession in the rearview mirror for auto industry?

► Auto sales on track to best year since slowdown

Canadians shopping for new vehicles appear to have steered automotive sales in 2011 to their best year since the last recession.

Overall light vehicle sales grew 1.8 per cent through the end of November, with December data expected later this week to fill out the final picture on how the year stacked up.

Automakers have seen uneven but rising sales this year, with growth positive one month and negative the next, as economic uncertainty pervaded consumer sentiment.

A total 1.47 million vehicles had been sold as of Nov. 30 — already surpassing the 1.46 million sold in all of 2009 — the worst sales year for the industry

since 1998, according to data released by DesRosiers Automotive Consultants.

Sales are also ahead of the 1.45 million vehicles sold as of the end of November 2010, giving the industry momentum to beat the 1.56 million vehicles sold last year.

Still, 2011 sales volumes are well short of their pre-recession levels — 1.64 million units in 2008 and 1.65 million in booming 2007.

Strong sales, especially trucks, in Western Canada where the booming resource economy boosted incomes and consumer confidence, helped prop up slumping sales in Eastern Canada, where economies were slowing

down. In the auto manufacturing hub of Ontario, sales grew slightly.

“We were hoping probably for a little bit better, but at this point any growth is good growth in the automotive market,” said Darren Slind, regional leader for Canada and Latin America at J.D. Power and Associates’ automotive division.

“But it’s not bad given the state of the economy and a lot of consumer uncertainty,” added Slind, who had expected sales growth of between two and three per cent this year.

Slind predicts 2012 sales will be largely in line with volumes seen this year as recession in Europe.

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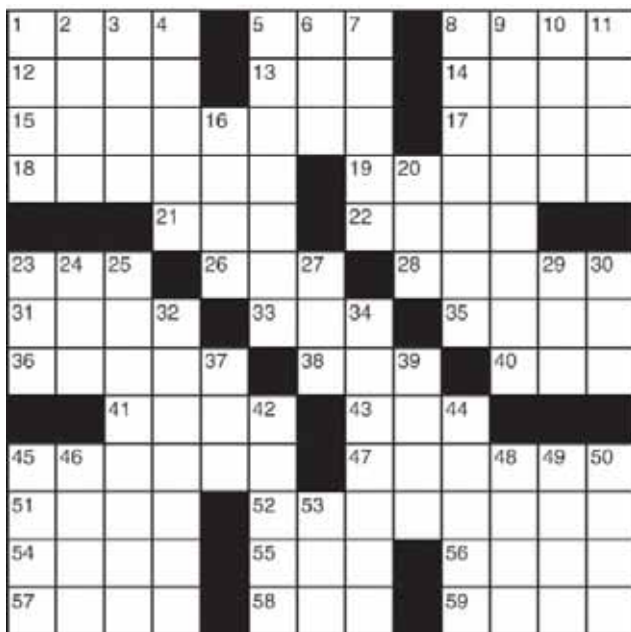
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18 Grommet
19 Small church
21 Listener
22 Warmth
23 Despondent
26 Water barrier
28 Place for a watch
31 Overly proper one
33 Fleur-de-
35 Unmatched
36 Supermarket section
38 Mimic
40 Big Apple abbr.
41 Freeway access
43 Blond shade
45 Fluffy dessert
47 Paycheck increases
51 Swiss mountains
52 All of a sudden
54 Ceremony
55 Bill and —
56 Agony
57 Throw
58 "In what way?"
59 Curved molding

Down

1 Movie about a pig
2 Fine
3 Fragment of dialogue
4 Monitor location,



maybe

5 On neither side
6 Pump up the volume
7 Sundance's pal
8 Charity events
9 Volcanic outbreak
10 Mah-jongg piece
11 Drag behind
16 Peruse
20 Chop
23 Hot tub
24 "Entourage" role
25 Causes chaos, maybe
27 Actress Farrow

29 Crafty

30 Sleuth, slangily
32 Optician's product
34 Small songbird
37 Type measures
39 Birthright barterer
42 Clingstone, e.g.
44 Zoo favourite
45 Shopping centre
46 Medley
48 Unescorted
49 Author Wiesel
50 "Auld Lang —"
53 Halloween shout

► Yesterday's answer



Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ►

5	9	2	6	1	7	8	3	4
4	3	1	9	8	2	6	7	5
7	6	8	4	5	3	2	1	9
6	1	3	5	4	9	7	8	2
9	2	5	7	3	8	4	6	1
8	7	4	2	6	1	5	9	3
2	8	7	3	9	5	1	4	6
3	5	6	1	7	4	9	2	8
1	4	9	8	2	6	3	5	7

A look at the weather

TODAY
Min 1°
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Min 2°
Max 4°

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Min -1°
Max 3°

Michele McDougall Weather Specialist

"My favourite part is reporting the weather. It fascinates me, and as we know around here, it's always changing, keeping forecasters on their toes". WEEKDAYS 5:30 A.M.



Today's horoscope

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20 Why are you trying so hard to prove yourself? You should be comfortable with who you are and what you can do.

♉ **Taurus** April 21-May 21 It would appear there is something that you have missed, a small but important detail that has been overlooked.

♊ **Gemini** May 22-June 21 Can you believe what your inner voice tells you? Of course you can.

♋ **Cancer** June 22-July 22 You need to read between the lines today, then you are more likely to discover what the real issues are.

♌ **Leo** July 23-Aug. 23 Someone

you think you can trust will make what seems like a reasonable suggestion today, but if you act on what they say you may regret it.

♍ **Virgo** Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Honesty is a must today, especially when dealing with people in positions of authority.

♎ **Libra** Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You know what it is you want to be doing but you can't seem to make a start.

♏ **Scorpio** Oct. 24-Nov. 22 Whatever good ideas you have today and tomorrow you would be wise to keep them to yourself for the time being.

♐ **Sagittarius** Nov. 23-Dec.

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♑ **Pisces** Dec. 22-Jan. 20 The more outrageous your ideas today the better.

♒ **Aquarius** Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Your thoughts will be all over the place today, so hold off making any hard and fast decisions.

♓ **Pisces** Feb. 19-March 20. Loved ones may want what is best for you, but what if it does not coincide with what you want for yourself? Well then you'll have to get tough and tell them you'll be going your own way. And mean it.

♈ **Aries** March 21-April 20. Why are you trying so hard to prove yourself? You should be comfortable with who you are and what you can do.

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